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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
LAUGHERY TOWNSHIP
RIPLEY COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009



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Office

Official

Term

Trustee

Saundra Nobbe

01-01-07 to 12-31-10

Chairman of the
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Helen Ellinghausen

01-01-08 to 12-31-10



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF LAUGHERY TOWNSHIP, RIPLEY COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Laughery Township (Township), for the period of January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009. The Township's management is responsible for the financial information presented herein. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the financial information presented herein and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial information referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial information of the Township for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2009, based on the criteria set forth in the uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

April 5, 2010

LAUGHERY TOWNSHIP, RIPLEY COUNTY
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
As Of And For The Years Ended December 31, 2008 And 2009

	Cash and Investments 01-01-08	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-08
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 147,163	\$ 3,459	\$ 30,002	\$ 120,620
Township Assistance	6,307	21,517	18,832	8,992
Firefighting	25,657	32,099	13,750	44,006
Park and Recreation	3,281	743	500	3,524
Levy Excess	192	-	-	192
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Withholdings	811	1,185	1,614	382
Totals	<u>\$ 183,411</u>	<u>\$ 59,003</u>	<u>\$ 64,698</u>	<u>\$ 177,716</u>
	Cash and Investments 01-01-09	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-09
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 120,620	\$ 2,765	\$ 33,619	\$ 89,766
Township Assistance	8,992	21,248	23,362	6,878
Firefighting	44,006	19,072	13,750	49,328
Park and Recreation	3,524	534	500	3,558
Levy Excess	192	-	-	192
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Withholdings	382	1,201	1,185	398
Totals	<u>\$ 177,716</u>	<u>\$ 44,820</u>	<u>\$ 72,416</u>	<u>\$ 150,120</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial information.

LAUGHERY TOWNSHIP, RIPLEY COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Note 1. Introduction

The Township was established under the laws of the State of Indiana. The Township provides the following services: public safety, health and social services, culture and recreation, and general administrative services.

Note 2. Fund Accounting

The Township uses funds to report on its cash and investments and the results of its operations on a cash basis. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities.

Note 3. Budgets

The operating budget is initially prepared and approved at the local level. In addition, funds for which property taxes are levied are subject to final approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

Note 4. Property Taxes

Property taxes levied are collected by the County Treasurer and are distributed to the Township in June and December. State statute (IC 6-1.1-17-16) requires the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance to establish property tax rates and levies by February 15. These rates were based upon the preceding year's March 1 (lien date) assessed valuations adjusted for various tax credits. Taxable property is assessed at 100% of the true tax value (determined in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance). Taxes may be paid in two equal installments which become delinquent if not paid by May 10 and November 10, respectively.

Note 5. Deposits and Investments

Deposits, made in accordance with Indiana Code 5-13, with financial institutions in the State of Indiana at year end were entirely insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or by the Indiana Public Deposit Insurance Fund. This includes any deposit accounts issued or offered by a qualifying financial institution.

State statute (IC 5-13-9) authorizes the Township to invest in securities including, but not limited to, federal government securities, repurchase agreements, and certain money market mutual funds. Certain other statutory restrictions apply to all investments made by local governmental units.

LAUGHERY TOWNSHIP, RIPLEY COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULT AND COMMENT

PREScribed FORM

The Township did not use Form 17 (Resolution Establishing Salaries of Township Officers and Employees) to document approval of salaries for Township Officers and Employees.

Officials and employees are required to use State Board of Accounts prescribed or approved forms in the manner prescribed. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

A similar comment was reported in prior Report B33887.

LAUGHERY TOWNSHIP, RIPLEY COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on April 5, 2010, with Sandra Nobbe, Trustee.